

Sunday morning  
New Bedford March 17<sup>th</sup> 1839.

My dear Anne,

As I may have an opportunity to send to Boston in the morning, I will write now that I may not be hurried at night. Friday afternoon I carried a letter for you to Abby Aggood, who will send it in her bundle, but I fear you will not get it till Monday. By the way, now I think of it, I wish you would acknowledge the receipt of my letters whenever you write, for I send by so many ways, that I like to know whether you get them all. In the evening I went over to Fairhaven with Mr Howland to hear St Clair - the lecture was just such an one as he would have delivered 6 months ago, only he took particular pains to say that the slaves were deprived of the privilege of self defence, "self defence the first law of nature". After he got through that embarrassed guilty sort of a look came over his face, the look that he had on at the annual meeting, & he pulled out of his pocket the Mass Abolitionist, which he intended all there to take & he would like to correct the misapprehension that it was got up in opposition to the Liberator &c - Rodney French, president of the N. B. society immediately rose with the last Liberator in his hand & said what amounted to this, that the paper was established in opposition to the Liberator, & that he wished to give notice of <sup>66</sup> the cradle of liberty &c - He then went on to

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say that the mass Ab was in the hands of men  
who wished to get the cause into the hands of those  
who had always been opposed to the Liberator & more  
to the same effect. St Clair then called for names,  
saying that such men as A. A. Phelps, John E. Fuller, H. Mr.  
Chamberlain who were <sup>on</sup> the executive committee, would  
be a sufficient warrant that the paper was in good  
hands, "and when that gentleman has laboured as  
they have, & as it were split his throat in the cause,  
then he might find fault with them". They have  
been thorough I know says Rodney. "Who says they are  
not now, who dares bring such a charge against them?  
I have charged them with it, said Rodney in the  
sweetest tone imaginable. It's a most base charge  
said ~~said~~ St Clair, By this time it was after 10 o'clock  
& as Mr Hubbard's horse had been standing out all the  
evening I was obliged to leave. Every body was on  
their feet during this dialogue. More was said after  
I came away, but it was principally conversation, after  
the meeting had departed. As near as I could judge,  
Fairhaven was pretty right, for there was that fam-  
-liar quiver in the horse denoting excitement &  
people who evidently were not accustomed to speaking  
in anger to say a few words in favour of the Liberator.  
Such as "I only hope that for the sake of the slaves &  
humanity, the new paper will be as good as the Lib".  
One thing St Clair said I have omitted, when Rodney  
spoke of Garrison's new paper, he said it was got up  
on purpose to injure the mass Ab — by people who a



short time ago declared that no such paper was needed, & though they had no wish to injure the Liberator, the Lib - wished to injure them. A meeting for Saturday eve was appointed.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>. I called upon Ann M. Bailey, who said her father had had a letter from Collins urging a large delegation. Called at the Emersons yesterday. The Crochers buried their son William who died in a consumption & though the Emersons have been very particular friends for many years - great pains was taken in the arrangement of the funeral to "insult" them, as about two months ago they got very angry about some trifle. Called at the Doubledays & at the Congdons. Sunday evening

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> I called at the Emersons on my way to church to leave newspapers - Mr C<sup>g</sup> gave me the Emancipator, & A. M. Bailey lent me yesterday 5 no's of the Non Resistant H. P. W.'s letter, or rather the letter to H. C. W. went in, you I was glad to see. - Think of Arthur's sending back the paper - I don't Mr Saline all day I really begin to like him. After church at night called at the Congdons to know the result of last night's meeting at Fairhaven, but they had not heard. So night the Howlands have been planning a visit to New York in May, & they will certainly be gone a fortnight & probably longer - I intend to get into perfect order, so that I need not have a thing to do for my - self - I can hardly wait -

Friday while I was out, I forgot to say the Pashenys called



Thursday 21st. Dear Anne I am going to send this letter off for it prevents me from writing to have a sheet so full. I got your letter Tuesday night & was very glad to have such a new & very which I learned that my last two packages have miscarried. I hope you have got them by this time. I have taken Rodman's. Last night I was at the Barnes & had quite a pleasant time — though they are feelers — honest feelers, I guess, the assistant of the High school, is going to send me the advocate of freedom, Maine & I in return send him the Liberator. Monday night I was at Aunt

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I am anxious to hear of you  
 again, as I have not heard from  
 you all. I hope to hear from  
 you next time.

Sally's. They are straightening I think — they have  
 got a little crooked — I will write to you next  
 at Boston. Keep a journal if you can all the  
 time of the quarterly meeting — I begin to  
 have some ~~time~~ hope that Caroline may  
 come here — for thing, my conscience will  
 hardly allow me to rejoice at her coming —  
 Send this letter to Maria, she may like to  
 see what St. Clair is about — Love to all  
 Write soon — ever yours D. W.

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